

## FLORIDA TOPICS

Short Items from  
all Sections  
of the State

Tampa will build a number of stone residences.

Daytona is having some heavy rains since it went dry.

The jail at Pensacola has 55 prisoners, 52 of whom are negroes.

Twenty-five vessels have been at Fernandina for cargoes already this month.

The ferry across the Suwannee river at Branford is now ready to carry passengers.

Quincy has six drug stores and five saloons. Must be lots of snakes around that section.

The storm at Pensacola on Monday was the worst that has visited that city since March.

The Hotel Bonhomie at Pass-a-Grille is open for the season and the tourists will soon be on hand.

Lee county will collect over \$120,000 for this year's taxes. It will be a raise of \$30,000 over any previous year.

Kissimmee oranges are beginning to show "a streak of yellow," and buyers are after the crop at a lively rate.

Last Thursday the State troops encamped at Orlando drew their salary of 50 cents per day and left for home.

Lee county will have some great novelties made from snake and alligator skins on exhibition at the State Fair.

The loss by the recent fire in Ybor City, at which Constable Callenberg lost his life, will reach upwards of \$20,000.

The annual reunion of the Florida Division United Confederate Veterans will be held in Jacksonville, December 6 and 7.

Harry Brown of Fernandina was run over and badly mangled by a switch engine and 13 cars at Augusta, Ga., Tuesday night.

A Tampa street car conductor was so frightened several days ago when he was attacked while on his car, that he has not showed up since.

The high school building at Orlando was damaged by fire last week to the extent of about \$4,000. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

The yellow fever in Pensacola is causing much annoyance to the people of the western portion of the State, owing to their inability to get the necessary supplies for their existence.

Frank McEithridge, who cut quite a figure in Ocala as a "private detective" and a "real estate" dealer, succeeded in fleeing the innocent people of that city out of about \$400 it is said.

Dexter W. Williams, the colored postmaster of Royal, Sumter county, who is short in his accounts, has "cut his lucky" and Uncle Sam's sharpest detectives are unable to locate him.

The famous Florence Villa oranges, grapefruit and tangerines, known all over the county among the best trade, have been sold through the Consolidated Fruit Company to New York parties.

J. E. Lummus, the well known grocery man of Miami has purchased from the F. E. C. railway all of the company's great commissary business, located in Miami and three other points on the Key West extension.

Fire destroyed the stockade of the Aycock Bros. Lumber company at Chiple Monday night. One guard, J. F. Longino, and four colored convicts lost their lives. The fire is thought to have been caused by the explosion of a lamp.

The State Board of Health has granted Pensacola's request and has given Dr. Joseph Y. Porter, State health officer, full authority to expend such money from the State fund as he thinks necessary to eradicate the yellow fever in Pensacola.

During the season just closed the Delray cannery turned out 35,000 cans of goods a day, which is a good record for a small factory. Arrangements are now being made to increase the capacity to 100,000 cans a day. The principal goods canned are pineapples, tomatoes and beans.

After living in Tampa a year under an assumed name, G. Raymond Perry, formerly a member of the school board at Marion, S. C., and who is wanted there on an alleged charge of embezzlement of public funds, was arrested by Detective Bell and locked up in the Tampa police station.

Rube and Harby Jones and John Baisden were locked up at Kissimmee on a warrant charging them with robbing the residence of J. H. Lanier at Bull Creek, August 13th. The robbery was a bold affair and the thieves treated the family in a most inhuman manner, being disguised as negroes.

The Ocala rim and spoke factory may be removed to Brooksville.

The Royal Palm hotel at Miami will build an addition in a few weeks.

The South Florida Horticultural Society has been organized at Punta Gorda.

A schooner loaded with coal made the run from Baltimore to Key West in six days.

Stetson University expects to have the strongest football eleven in the State this year.

Friday, November 24, has been decided on as Confederate Veteran's day at the State fair.

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The St. Augustine Eagles contemplate illuminating that city on the occasion of President Roosevelt's visit.

Pensacola has a number of volunteer inspectors who are doing good service in locating the yellow fever cases.

The municipal government of the town of Largo, Hillsborough county, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

A reward of \$400 is offered for the return of I. J. McCall of Jasper, former clerk of the circuit court of Hamilton county.

The people of Hastings and vicinity have gone to work on their good roads proposition, and as a result there is a general awakening.

Cincinnati orange buyers are skimming around Hillsborough county, trying to buy all the oranges they can on the trees at \$1 per box.

The B. C. & St. A. Railroad is now all contracted from St. Andrews to Columbus, Ga., and most of the contractors are at work with large forces.

As soon as the preliminaries can be arranged with the U. S. war department the Lake Worth Yacht club will let a contract for the construction of the finest dock in West Palm Beach.

John Aiken, the negro who robbed so many houses in Tampa, has been sentenced to 20 years by Judge Gordon. The previous bad character of Aiken was the cause of his getting such a bountiful sentence.

The Manufacturers' Record shows that the national bank deposits in Florida have increased nearly 50 per cent in the past two years, the exact figures being as follows: 1903, \$9,663,828; 1904, \$14,085,533; increase \$5,401,705 or 45.4 per cent.

Probably in the history of no Southern State fair has there been such an unprecedented demand for exhibit space as at the Florida State Fair to be held in Tampa November 15 to 30, which gives every indication of proving the most successful State fair ever held in the South.

The DeSoto County Advertiser is of the opinion that orange buyers have formed a combine this year to "do" the grower. Maybe; and if they have, they'll "do him proper." Next year, however, the story will be different, and it will not be the grower that will be held up, either.

While the denizens of Mill Dam, near Jacksonville, were enjoying a social hop the other night, some darkey who was not on the list of invited guests amused himself by shooting at the festive crowd through the open window. If he hadn't run out of ammunition he would have had the crowd crippled so there would not have been enough for one set in a short time.

B. E. McLin, commissioner of agriculture, has sent out circulars calling attention to adulterated stock feed. Among other things, he quotes from another report: "Rice hulls contain 40 per cent. of wood fiber and from 15 to 20 per cent. of silica or sand. Worse than this, the edges of the hulls carry sharp barbs which irritate the stomach and intestines of the animals, and when fed in quantity the hulls may kill the animals to which they are fed. Rice hulls are, therefore, not only worthless, but even dangerous to live of horses and cattle."

The model of a thoroughly ventilated fruit car is on exhibition at Jacksonville. The car in question is a ventilated car, with a vent at each end of the car, which is on a level with the bottom floor, 10 inches high, just the height of the trap door. This floor is on the order of the banana floor, but is simply 10 inches from the bottom of the car. With these two vents reaching the width of the car, one can readily see that there would be a current of air with the train running along at least thirty miles an hour, which should keep vegetables, oranges or bananas or fruit of any kind thoroughly cool. There are

four vents in the top of the car; also eight small window vents near the top, on the side, which let out the hot air.

It is said that the Government will not afford any protection to Anastasia island from the encroachments of the sea.

Besides appropriations for other improvements, Live Oak will fit the fire department out with a \$5,000 appropriation.

Four trained nurses from the yellow fever hospitals at New Orleans have been sent to Pensacola to help out in that city.

The municipal election at Key West has caused a great cry of fraud. In one of the precincts the tally sheet was torn up.

The Atlantic Coast Line will transport exhibits to the State fair at Tampa free of charge, and charge full rates on their return.

Sneads, Jackson county, with a population of upwards of 200 people, has raised \$1,350 to pay the salaries of her school teachers.

When the steamer Ponce left New York the other day for Porto Rico she carried, among other things, 1,500 bags of Florida pineapple shoots.

Engineer Woodring of Dunnellon was struck on the head and badly wounded at Dunnellon Tuesday evening by a "rowdy" who got full and climbed up onto the engine where Woodring was asleep.

The Benner line schooner, Edith and May, which is the first vessel of any line to come with full cargo from New York to Miami, is in port at the latter place, discharging cargo. A full return cargo has been secured.

Geo. F. Paddison and other citizens of Eau Gallie and vicinity have cut an inlet from the Indian river, opposite the Sebastian river, to the ocean. Over 100 men assisted in the work. Excellent results are expected.

E. Warren Clark, formerly an advertising agent for Munyon's remedies, has brought the first Japanese family to Florida and will locate them on his farm near Tallahassee. The family consists of husband and wife and four children.

The American Life Insurance Company of Tampa, organized exclusively with Florida capital, and standing as the biggest one of its kind in the State, will commence operations next week. The company is capitalized at \$500,000.

The famous Picket orange grove, three miles east of Bartow, was sold recently to eastern parties for \$50,000. This is one of the finest groves in the State, comprising 60 acres, and has 10,000 boxes of fruit on the trees now.

In raiding a negro gambling den near Marianna, one day last week, by the sheriff of Jackson county and a posse, J. B. Williams, colored, and another negro were killed. Sheriff Lewis and his men escaped injury, although the negroes fired several shots at them.

The citizens of Williston have been agitating for some time the organization of a new county in that section, to be made up of certain portions of Levy, Marion and Alachua counties, and a public meeting has been held for that purpose and the necessary steps will be taken to push the project.

The four-story addition to the Hotel Palms, at West Palm Beach, is being pushed rapidly forward to completion, and Manager Stowers will have the house open by November 30. The addition is being built of artificial stone with a rough finish, and is by far the handsomest structure in the city.

One of the most important real estate deals recently made in Tampa was consummated last Friday by which the Tampa Tribune Publishing Company became the purchasers of the Arno hotel property on the corner of Tampa and Twigg streets. The purchase was made from the Tampa Investment and Securities Company. The price paid was \$25,000.

Governor Broward has named the following gentlemen as members of the general reception committee, as representatives of the State at large, to receive President Roosevelt on the occasion of his visit to Florida: E. R. Gunby, Tampa; George W. Allen, Key West; W. B. Shepard, Pensacola; Wm. Hocker, Ocala; S. R. Mallory, Washington, D. C.; J. P. Taliaferro, Jacksonville; S. M. Sparkman, Tampa; Fred C. Cone, Lake City; Guy I. Metcalf, West Palm Beach; L. C. Massey, Orlando; J. W. Bryan, Kathleen; D. H. Baker, Wildwood; W. H. Milton, Marianna; J. N. Coombs, Apalachicola; E. C. Weeks, Tallahassee; W. R. Thomas, Gainesville; James E. Alexander, DeLand; W. B. Lamar, Washington, D. C.; Hon. Frank Clark, Lake City; W. Y. Sandlin, Jasper; Wm. Jackson, Daytona; Wade H. Jones, Titusville; C. A. Carson, Kissimmee; Frank M. Wooten, Cocoa; T. A. Jennings, Pensacola; W. O. Culpepper, Perry; C. H. Parlin, Carrabelle.

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